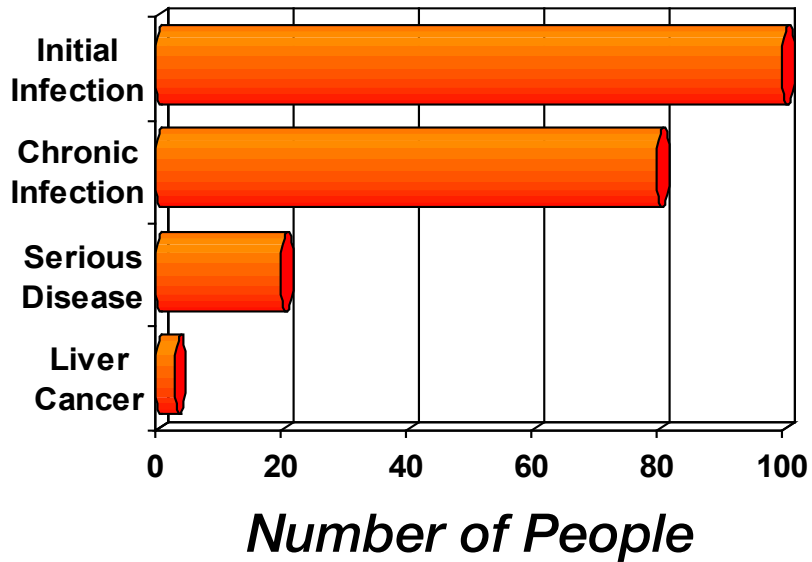


If 100 People Were Exposed to Hepatitis C

100 People Exposed to HCV



- ◆ **About 55 to 80 people out of 100 who are exposed to HCV will develop chronic infection:** The other 20 to 45 people who are infected with Hep C will clear the virus on their own. This is because the immune system of some people is able to fight off the virus naturally.
- ◆ **About 10 to 20 people who develop chronic infection will have serious disease progression over decades:** Only about 10 to 20 out of the original 100 people exposed to Hep C will develop serious life-threatening illness from Hep C. Hep C usually takes up to 10, 20, 30 or 40 years or longer to make the liver become really damaged.
- ◆ **About 2-3 people who develop chronic hepatitis C infection will develop liver cancer:** Only 2-3 people develop liver cancer out of the original 100 people exposed to Hep C, which only happens after the liver develops lots of scarring called cirrhosis.
- ◆ **The key to staying healthy with hepatitis C:** make sure that you receive the best possible medical care.

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